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**SAN DIEGO
COUNTY GRAND JURY**

James T. McCarthy
Foreman, San Diego County Grand Jury
County of San Diego
330 West Broadway, Suite 477
San Diego, CA 92101-3830

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

The City of Del Mar is in receipt of your letter dated October 12, 1999. The City has reviewed the Grand Jury Report entitled "*Implementation of the Multiple Species Conservation Program*" and as required by California Penal Code §933(c). This correspondence shall service as the City of Del Mar's comments to the final Grand Jury report.

The City of Del Mar is a small "built-out" residential community with a population just under 5,000. As outlined in the "facts" section of the Grand Jury Report, the City of Del Mar does not have an implementing agreement at this time and all habitat identified by the MSCP located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Del Mar are publicly owned.

In accordance with California Penal Code §933.05 the City of Del Mar understands that none of the findings, as outlined on pages 6-7 of the Grand Jury Report, involve the City of Del Mar. As to the specific recommendations, the City of Del Mar agrees with Recommendation # 99-103 that the City of San Diego, as the lead agency for the MSCP, should provide the leadership for County, the City Councils of Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, La Mesa, Poway, and Santee, and the Board of Directors of the Otay Water District to identify an existing organization or create a new organization to determine an equitable means of funding the long-term management of MSCP lands. As noted all MSCP lands located within Del Mar are publicly owned and are currently maintained by the responsible public entity thus resulting in a minimal financial obligation on the City's part. The City of Del Mar would willingly participate in discussions to determine the most economically feasible methodology to fund the management of all MSCP lands.

If you should have any additional questions please contact Lauraine Brekke-Esparza, City Manager at (858) 755-9313.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Earnest", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Richard L. Earnest
Mayor

cc: Del Mar City Councilmembers